



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3657

An act to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of public domain land in the San Bernardino National Forest in the state of California, and for other purposes

As cleared by the Congress on October 23, 2000

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3657 would have no significant net effect on the federal budget in any year. H.R. 3657 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell about one acre of land located in the San Bernardino National Forest in California. Since 1995, KATY 101.3 FM (KATY), a small radio station, has operated a communication tower on that land. H.R. 3657 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey that property to KATY in return for a payment equal to the land's appraised full market value. The act also would require the Secretary, upon receipt of a payment by KATY of \$16,600 (the estimated amount of arrears owed by KATY to the federal government), to release KATY from all claims arising from its lease of the site. Under H.R. 3657, the Secretary would not be required to provide access to the site. KATY would bear all administrative costs associated with the conveyance and would have to agree to indemnify the United States against future claims regarding the property.

H.R. 3657 would authorize the Secretary to spend, without further appropriation, funds received from KATY to acquire other property for the San Bernardino National Forest. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO expects that the federal government would receive as much as \$150,000 from KATY in 2001. Those payments would be recorded as offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending), and would be spent over the 2001-2002 period.

This legislation also would amend current law to reduce the amount of federal timber receipts paid to the state of California for use by San Bernardino. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that this provision would reduce direct spending for those payments by as much as \$150,000 a year starting in 2001.

Finally, H.R. 3657 would make technical corrections to S. 2917, the Santo Domingo Pueblo Claims Settlement Act of 2000, which the Congress cleared for the President's signature on October 17, 2000. The legislation would direct the Department of the Interior to acquire by exchange certain trust lands of the state of New Mexico, and to convey such lands to the Santo Domingo Pueblo. Based on information from the Bureau of Land Management, CBO estimates that enacting this section would have a negligible impact on federal offsetting receipts.

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